



17W B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: G. R. Coates, III
SERIAL NO: 10/644,977
FILED: August 19, 2003
FOR: Improved Slurpie Hose
Connection

GAU: 3679
EXAMINER: J. M. Hewitt
St. Louis, Missouri
Date: May 18, 2004

D.N. 7325

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the
U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

[Signature] 5-20-04
Attorney
5-20-04
Date of Signature

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated February 17, 2004.

Please amend this application as follows: